

**REMARKS**

The Office Action stated claims 1-30, 33-35 and 38-46 were allowed.

The Office Action stated claims 31 and 32 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 45 and 48 of USPN 6,532,388 and claims 31, 32, 36 and 37 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 5, and 10-15 of USPN 6,718,208. A terminal disclaimer has been filed with this response.

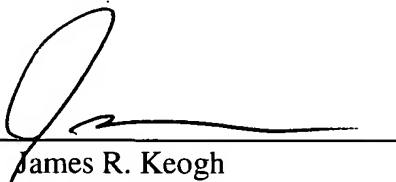
Claims 1-46 remain pending in the application.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867.

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